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TEXT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPEECH FOLLOWS:

QTE: WHEN OUR DEMOCRACY WAS BORN, FRANCE WAS THERE.

FOR MORE THAN 200 YEARS OUR TWO NATIONS HAVE  
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SHARED THE SAME IDEALS AND CULTURE.

THERE IS ONE BELIEF ABOVE ALL OTHERS THAT HAS  
MADE US WHAT WE ARE. THIS IS THE BELIEF THAT THE RIGHTS  
OF THE INDIVIDUAL INHERENTLY STAND HIGHER THAN THE  
CLAIMS OF THE STATE. THIS IS THE MESSAGE THAT THE  
AMERICAN AND FRENCH PEOPLES, EACH IN TURN, CARRIED

FORWARD TO THE WORLD TWO CENTURIES AGO. THESE ARE THE VALUES WHICH THE WORLD STILL DEPENDS UPON US TO AFFIRM.

DEMOCRACY WAS THEN A NEW AND UNTRIED CONCEPT; NOW IT IS THE STANDARD FOR OUR WESTERN CIVILIZATION. THE AMERICAN DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, INSPIRED SO GREATLY BY FRENCH PHILOSOPHY, SPOKE OF THE "UNALIENABLE RIGHTS" OF PERSONS: "LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS." THESE RIGHTS WERE CONTROVERSIAL THEN; NOW THEY ARE THE MEASURE BY WHICH THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOVERNMENTS IS TESTED. DEMOCRACY IS INDEED A COMPELLING IDEA, AN IDEA SO ATTRACTIVE THAT EVEN ITS ENEMIES NOW ATTEMPT TO CLOAK REPRESSION WITH FALSE DEMOCRATIC LABELS.

BUT OUR DEMOCRATIC ORDER HAS COME UNDER CHALLENGE. THERE ARE THOSE WHO QUESTION WHETHER DEMOCRATIC VALUES ARE APPROPRIATE FOR CONTEMPORARY CIRCUMSTANCES. VOICES IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD ASK WHETHER NOTIONS OF FREE SPEECH, PERSONAL LIBERTY, AND FREELY-CHOSEN GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE PUSHED ASIDE, IN THE STRUGGLE TO OVERCOME POVERTY. VOICES IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD ASK WHETHER DEMOCRACY EQUIPS US FOR THE FRENZIED PACE OF CHANGE IN OUR MODERN LIVES. WE HAVE HEARD WARNINGS THAT A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY CANNOT IMPOSE ON ITSELF THE RESTRAINT AND SELF-DISCIPLINE NECESSARY TO COPE WITH

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PERSISTENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. WE HAVE HEARD THAT THE DISPARATE ELEMENTS OF OUR SOCIETIES CANNOT COHERE IN A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM. GOVERNMENTS EVERYWHERE HAVE BEGUN TO SEEM REMOTE, IMPERSONAL, INCOMPETENT. MANY PEOPLE QUESTION WHETHER ANY GOVERNMENT CAN HEAR THEIR DISTANT AND SOLITARY VOICES.

THESE PROBLEMS ARE REAL. WE MUST ADMIT THEIR EXISTENCE. BUT WE MUST ALSO BEAR THE BURDEN THAT DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY IMPOSES ON THOSE WHO ARE PART OF IT. THAT IS TO PROCLAIM OUR UNSHAKEN FAITH IN THE VALUES OF OUR DEMOCRATIC NATIONS, AND OUR BELIEF THAT THOSE VALUES ARE STILL RELEVANT -- TO RICH AND POOR, IN NORTH AND SOUTH, EAST AND WEST, AS CONSTANT NOW AS THEY WERE WHEN OUR FOREBEARS SIGNED THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND YOURS PROCLAIMED THE DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN.

WE DEFEND THESE VALUES BECAUSE THEY ARE RIGHT, AND BECAUSE THERE IS NO HIGHER PURPOSE FOR THE STATE THAN TO PRESERVE THESE RIGHTS FOR ITS CITIZENS. BUT WE DEFEND THEM ALSO IN THE FAITH THAT THERE IS NO

CONTRADICTION BETWEEN PRESERVING OUR DEMOCRATIC VALUES  
AND MEETING CHALLENGES WHICH FACE OUR MODERN SOCIETIES.

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IT IS PRECISELY WHEN DEMOCRACY IS UP AGAINST  
DIFFICULT CHALLENGES THAT ITS LEADERS MUST SHOW FIRM-  
NESS IN RESISTING THE TEMPTATION OF FINDING SOLUTIONS  
IN NON-DEMOCRATIC FORCES.

THIS WEEK, IN INDIA, I DISCUSSED OUR BELIEF THAT  
ONLY THROUGH RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES CAN  
DEVELOPING NATIONS ACHIEVE THEIR FULL ECONOMIC AND  
POLITICAL POTENTIAL. THAT IS OUR FAITH. THE WORLD'S  
LARGEST DEMOCRACY IS PROVING THAT IT IS TRUE.

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HERE WE MEET AS INDUSTRIALIZED POWERS TO AFFIRM  
THAT OUR CONFIDENCE IN A DEMOCRATIC FUTURE FOR  
INDUSTRIALIZED SOCIETIES IS EQUALLY STRONG.

DEMOCRACY IS NOT MERELY RIGHT AND JUST; IT IS  
ALSO THE SYSTEM THAT IS MOST CONSISTENT WITH HUMAN  
NATURE. IT IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO ORGANIZE  
SOCIETY FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

WHERE THE STATE DOMINATES EVERYTHING, ONLY THE  
NARROW TALENTS OF THE BUREAUCRAT ARE FREE TO FLOWER.  
BUT THE PLURALISTIC NATURE OF A DEMOCRACY ALLOWS FOR A  
BROAD RANGE OF TALENTS TO SUCCEED -- IN GOVERNMENT, IN  
THE ARTS, IN LABOR, IN TECHNOLOGY, IN THE SCIENCES, AND  
IN THE MARKETPLACE. DEMOCRACY UNLEASHES THE INNATE  
CREATIVE ENERGY IN EACH OF US.

WE NEED LOOK NO FURTHER BACK THAN THE LAST THREE  
DECades TO SEE UNPARALLELED SUCCESS. THESE  
YEARS HAVE BEEN AN EXTRAORDINARY TIME FOR FRANCE, FOR  
WESTERN EUROPE, THE UNITED STATES, AND OTHER DEMOCRATIC  
NATIONS.

FRANCE AND ITS PARTNERS IN WESTERN EUROPE ROSE  
FROM THE DESTRUCTION AND TURMOIL OF WORLD WAR II TO  
BUILD ECONOMIES AND SOCIETIES MORE THRIVING AND  
PRODUCTIVE THAN EVER BEFORE, AND TO REGAIN POSITIONS  
OF WORLD LEADERSHIP.

NEVER HAVE SO MANY NEW JOBS AND SO MUCH NEW  
WEALTH BEEN CREATED, OR SO MUCH CHANGE IN PEOPLE'S  
LIVES BEEN MANAGED SO EFFECTIVELY -- AND YET WITH SO  
MUCH FREEDOM.

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ALL OF THIS IS NO ACCIDENT. NATIONS WITH OTHER  
POLITICAL SYSTEMS, IN SPITE OF THEIR GREAT HUMAN AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES, HAVE NOT DONE AS WELL.

AND DEMOCRACY PROTECTS US AGAINST THE EXCESSES  
OF MODERNIZATION. IT HELPS US CONSTANTLY TO REDUCE  
THE RISING COMPLEXITY OF MODERN LIFE TO HUMAN TERMS.  
AT A TIME WHEN THE COMPUTER MAKES TOTAL STATE CONTROL  
MORE POSSIBLE THAN EVER -- PROCESSING PEOPLE

LIKE NUMBERS -- DEMOCRACY STANDS GUARD, PROTECTING  
THE UNIQUENESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

THIS IS WHY THE GREAT TREND OF EMIGRATION IN THE  
WORLD IS FROM THOSE STATES WHICH DENY BASIC RIGHTS TO  
THEIR PEOPLE, AND TOWARD THE FREE NATIONS OF THE WEST.  
THAT IS WHY INDIA HAS REAFFIRMED ITS COMMITMENT TO RULE  
BY THE PEOPLE AND WHY PORTUGAL, SPAIN, AND GREECE HAVE  
REJOINED THE RANKS OF EUROPE'S DEMOCRATIC NATIONS.

WE DO NOT FEAR THE CHALLENGES WHICH TEST OUR  
CHOSEN FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

BUT TODAY WE NEED A NEW AGENDA FOR DEMOCRACY.

THE FIRST TASK ON THIS AGENDA IS TO DEVISE WAYS  
IN WHICH GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS CAN BETTER  
AND MORE QUICKLY RESPOND TO THE HIGHER STANDARDS OF  
LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE DEMANDED BY OUR PEOPLE.

THIS IS A TIME OF TESTING. ALREADY THE VARIED  
EXPERIMENTS ARE UNDER WAY, ACCORDING TO THE UNIQUE  
TRADITIONS AND NEEDS OF EACH COUNTRY.

IN WESTERN EUROPE, SUCCESSFUL SHARING OF THE  
FRUITS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AT ALL LEVELS OF SOCIETY HAS  
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PROVIDED A WAY TO HELP OVERCOME MOUNTING SOCIAL

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PROBLEMS.

IN FRANCE, YOU ARE MAKING A YOUNG CONSTITUTION  
WORK, IN BALANCING AUTHORITY BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE AND  
THE LEGISLATURE.

IN SOME COUNTRIES, LIKE GERMANY AND SCANDINAVIA,  
THERE ARE CONTINUING EXPERIMENTS IN NEW FORMS OF  
RELATIONS BETWEEN WORKERS AND MANAGEMENT.

THE MEMBER NATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ARE  
PLANNING TO HOLD DIRECT ELECTIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN  
PARLIAMENT.

IN MY OWN NATION, WE ARE TRYING TO REDUCE GOVERN-  
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MENT REGULATION IN AREAS BETTER LEFT TO PRIVATE BUSINESS  
OR THE INDIVIDUAL.

AND IN SOME NATIONS THERE IS EMPHASIS ON STRENGTH-  
ENING THE ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ON DECENTRAL-  
LIZING POWER, AND ON WORKING THROUGH VOLUNTARY ASSOCIA-  
TIONS TO MEET PARTICULAR PROBLEMS AND NEEDS.

IN THESE AND OTHER WAYS WE CAN MAKE GOVERNMENT  
MORE RESPONSIVE, ACCOUNTABLE, AND CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE,  
FOSTERING A RENEWED SENSE OF CONFIDENCE IN OUR NATIONAL  
AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

WE CAN ALSO FIND NEW ANSWERS TO THE OLD PROBLEMS  
OF COMBINING FREEDOM WITH RESPONSIBILITY. AS PRESIDENT  
GISCARD D'ESTAING WROTE IN HIS BOOK, "TOWARDS A NEW  
DEMOCRACY":

"THE PLURALISM OF POWER GUARANTEES  
FREEDOM....DEMOCRATIC PROGRESS DOES NOT  
RESULT IN DISORDER, BUT IN A BETTER  
BALANCE OF ORDER WITHIN FREEDOM AND  
RESPONSIBILITY."

THE SECOND ITEM ON THE NEW AGENDA FOR DEMOCRACY  
IS THE ECONOMIC CHALLENGE.

WE MUST NOT ONLY RESTORE GROWTH, CONTROL INFLATION,  
AND REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT.

WE MUST ALSO DEMONSTRATE THAT OUR DEMOCRATIC  
ECONOMIC SYSTEM CAN ADAPT TO THE DEMANDS PLACED ON IT.  
THIS MEANS PROVING AGAIN THAT WE HAVE THE DISCIPLINE TO  
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PURSUE OUR FUTURE, NO LESS THAN OUR CURRENT INTERESTS,  
SO THAT CONTENDING DOMESTIC GROUPS WILL NOT PRODUCE  
CHAOS AND DISCORD, BUT A NEW HARMONY OF EFFORT FOR THE  
COMMON GOOD.

IT MEANS INCREASING OUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT  
THE FRUITS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH REACH ALL PARTS OF  
SOCIETY, SO THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL WILL SHARE THE BENEFITS  
OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS.

AND IT MEANS USING OUR RESOURCES TO PROMOTE HUMAN  
DEVELOPMENT -- NOT JUST GROWTH FOR ITS OWN SAKE.

OUR DEMOCRATIC ECONOMIES NOW HAVE UNPRECEDENTED  
STRENGTH TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE.

WE HAVE SKILLED WORK FORCES. WE HAVE PRODUCTIVE  
PLANTS AND EQUIPMENT, EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT, AND THE  
WILL AND MEANS TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH ONE ANOTHER  
-- BOTH WITHIN NATIONS AND AMONG NATIONS.

AND, IN THE FREE MARKET, WE HAVE A MEANS OF  
MATCHING PRODUCTION TO HUMAN NEEDS THAT IS SWIFTER AND  
MORE SUBTLE THAN ANY COMPUTER, MORE SENSITIVE TO  
SOCIETY'S REQUIREMENTS THAN ANY STATE COMMITTEE.

MY COUNTRY IS ABLE AND WILLING TO JOIN WITH ITS  
PARTNERS IN BUILDING ON THAT STRENGTH, TO PUT THE  
GLOBAL ECONOMY ON THE PATH TO GROWTH AND RISING  
PROSPERITY.

AMERICA'S EFFORTS WILL BE DIRECTED TOWARD MAIN-  
TAINING THE STRENGTH OF THE DOLLAR, INJECTING NEW

PURCHASING POWER INTO THE ECONOMY THROUGH A MAJOR  
TAX CUT, REDUCING UNEMPLOYMENT, AND BRINGING INFLATION

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UNDER CONTROL.

WE ARE WORKING WITH OUR ECONOMIC PARTNERS IN THE  
GENEVA TRADE NEGOTIATIONS TO REACH RAPID AGREEMENT  
THAT WILL IMPROVE THE OPEN TRADING SYSTEM, EXPAND  
COMMERCE, AND CREATE NEW JOBS. AND FOLLOWING THE  
FRENCH EXAMPLE, WE ARE HARD AT WORK ON A COMPREHENSIVE  
ENERGY PROGRAM WHICH WILL LESSEN OUR IMPORTS OF FOREIGN  
OIL, REDUCE UNDUE DEPENDENCE, AND CUT THE DEFICIT IN

OUR BALANCE OF TRADE.

FRANCE AND AMERICA AND THE OTHER INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES ARE EMERGING FROM THE ECONOMIC RECESSION OF RECENT YEARS. SOME OF US CAN TURN OUR ATTENTION AT ONCE TO NON-INFLATIONARY GROWTH. OTHERS MUST FIRST TAKE PAINFUL MEASURES TO REDUCE INFLATION.

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AS MORE NATIONS ARE ABLE TO PURSUE HIGHER GROWTH, OUR ECONOMIES WILL CREATE MORE JOBS. UNEMPLOYMENT WILL GO DOWN.

CONFIDENCE IN STEADY GROWTH WILL REDUCE PRESSURES FOR TRADE RESTRICTIONS, MAKE IT EASIER FOR US TO ADAPT TO CHANGES WITHIN OUR SOCIETIES, HELP US MAKE MORE EFFICIENT USE OF ENERGY, AND MAKE IT EASIER FOR COUNTRIES WITH PAYMENTS SURPLUSES TO OPEN THEIR MARKETS TO DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ALIKE.

BUT THERE ARE ALSO MANY OTHER ECONOMIC NEEDS TODAY.

THE ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS THAT SERVED US WELL IN THE PAST NEED TO BE STRENGTHENED.

WE MUST REACH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF BASIC ECONOMIC FORCES SO THAT WE CAN SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF SIMULTANEOUS INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

WE MUST DEVOTE MUCH GREATER EFFORT TO FURTHER ADVANCES IN HIGH TECHNOLOGY, TO HELP ALL OUR NATIONS COMPETE EFFECTIVELY IN TOMORROW'S MARKETS.

WE MUST DEVELOP NEW AND PRODUCTIVE INDUSTRIES AND SERVICES, SO THAT WE CAN MODERATE THE IMPACT ON OUR PEOPLES OF CHANGE IMPOSED BY INCREASED GLOBAL COMPETITION FOR JOBS AND MARKETS.

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WE MUST SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT. UNLESS WE DO, PART OF AN ENTIRE GENERATION COULD BE ESTRANGED FROM OUR DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.

WE MUST TAKE STEPS TO AVOID EXPORTING OUR ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES TO OTHER NATIONS, WHETHER RICH OR POOR.

AND WE MUST USE THE TOOLS OF SHARED FREEDOM TO INCREASE THE CHOICES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR ECONOMIC SYSTEM. WE CAN SHARE OUR EXPERIENCE IN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT -- IN EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, SOCIAL SERVICES, THE ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF FARM AND FACTORY.

AT THE HEART OF ALL THESE EFFORTS IS CONTINUED COOPERATION ALONG WITH OUR OTHER ECONOMIC PARTNERS IN SUCH WAYS AS THE ECONOMIC SUMMITS FIRST PROPOSED BY FRANCE. THIS COOPERATION SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE INDIVIDUALITY OF EACH NATION WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT OUR ECONOMIC WELL-BEING WILL RISE OR FALL TOGETHER.

THE THIRD TASK ON THE NEW AGENDA FOR DEMOCRACY IS TO PROVIDE FOR OUR MUTUAL SECURITY.

I COME TO FRANCE TODAY RECOGNIZING THAT OUR TWO NATIONS SHARE A BASIC COMMITMENT TO PRESERVE OUR HARD-WON FREEDOM. WE ARE ABLE, WITH OUR ALLIES, TO KEEP OUR FREEDOM PRECISELY BECAUSE WE ARE MILITARILY STRONG.

OUR CENTRAL SECURITY PROBLEM TODAY IS MAINTAINING OUR WILL TO KEEP THE MILITARY STRENGTH WE NEED, WHILE SEEKING EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A BETTER PEACE. MILITARY POWER WITHOUT DETENTE MAY LEAD TO CONFLICT; BUT DETENTE WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT THE NATO ALLIANCE AND POPULAR SUPPORT FOR A STRONG DEFENSE.

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BOTH FRANCE AND AMERICA PROVE THAT THE  
PEOPLES OF A DEMOCRACY CAN AND WILL SUPPORT THESE JOINT  
GOALS OF STRENGTH AND PEACE.

THE COMMITMENT OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND  
PEOPLE TO THE SECURITY OF EUROPE IS ABSOLUTE. THERE  
SHOULD BE NO DOUBT THAT WE WILL MAINTAIN IN EUROPE  
WHATEVER FORCES ARE NEEDED TO MEET THAT COMMITMENT.  
WE ARE ALSO THANKFUL THAT FRANCE MAINTAINS AND IMPROVES  
FORCES THAT ARE ESSENTIAL FOR DEFENSE.

BUT WE ALSO SEE THE NEED TO MOVE BEYOND CON-  
FRONTATION, TO RESOLVE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EAST  
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AND WEST, AND TO PROGRESS TOWARD ARMS CONTROL AND  
DISARMAMENT.

WE ARE DETERMINED TO SEEK BALANCED AND MUTUAL  
LIMITS ON QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE DEPLOYMENT OF  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS; THEN SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS, LEADING  
TO THE EVENTUAL ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS A  
POTENTIAL DESTRUCTIVE FORCE AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE  
WORLD.

WE ARE DETERMINED TO SEEK EARLY AGREEMENT ON  
A COMPREHENSIVE BAN OF THE TESTING OF NUCLEAR EXPLOS-  
IVES, BOTH MILITARY WEAPONS AND SO-CALLED PEACEFUL  
NUCLEAR DEVICES.

WE ARE DETERMINED TO SEEK A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE IN CONVENTIONAL ARMS.

WE WILL WORK WITH OTHER NATIONS TO ACHIEVE THE ADVANTAGES WHICH SUCH AGREEMENTS CAN BRING.

WHILE THE APPROACHES OF FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES TO THESE ISSUES MAY SOMETIMES DIFFER, OUR DESIRE TO BUILD A MORE STABLE PEACE IS ONE AND THE SAME. AND IN ALL THESE EFFORTS, WE WILL CONSULT AND COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH YOU, AND WITH OTHER ALLIES -- RECOGNIZING THE INDEPENDENCE OF EACH NATION, BUT ALSO OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS AND COMMITMENTS.

THE FOURTH TASK ON DEMOCRACY'S NEW AGENDA IS THE EFFORT OF EUROPEANS TO SHAPE THEIR FUTURE. FOR THE GOAL YOU HAVE SET FOR YOURSELVES, WITH YOUR PARTNERS UNCLASSIFIED

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IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, IS NOTHING LESS THAN TO TRANSFORM AND IMPROVE RELATIONS AMONG STATES WITH ANCIENT TRADITIONS, UNIQUE HISTORIES, AND LEGITIMATE PRIDE IN NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT.

THE UNITED STATES WILL GIVE ITS UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT TO WHAT YOU AND YOUR PARTNERS IN THE NINE ARE DOING TO STRENGTHEN EUROPEAN COOPERATION -- FOR WE SEE EUROPEAN STRENGTH AND UNITY AS A BOON AND NOT AS A THREAT TO US. THE REAL THREAT TO ALL OUR INTERESTS WOULD BE ECONOMIC WEAKNESS AND DISUNITY.

THE FIFTH AND FINAL ITEM ON THE NEW AGENDA FOR DEMOCRACY IS TO COOPERATE AMONG OURSELVES IN ADAPTING TO GLOBAL CHANGE.

THE SAME FACTORS THAT LED TO OUR ECONOMIC SUCCESSES OVER THE PAST TWO GENERATIONS -- SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, EDUCATION AND HEALTH, THE WILL AND WISDOM OF INDIVIDUAL MEN AND WOMEN -- HAVE ALSO ALTERED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES AND THE DEVELOPING WORLD.

EUROPEAN NATIONS, INDIVIDUALLY OR TOGETHER, ALSO HAVE AN INCREASING ROLE TO PLAY BEYOND THE CONTINENT, PARTICULARLY IN REORDERING RELATIONS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH.

IT WAS LESS THAN A HUNDRED YEARS AGO THAT THE

EUROPEAN POWERS MET TO DIVIDE THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA AMONG THEM. AND YET TODAY, COLONIALISM HAS NEARLY ENDED.

BEFORE WORLD WAR II, 80 PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S LAND MASS AND 75 PERCENT OF ITS PEOPLE WERE UNDER WESTERN AUTHORITY. BUT TODAY THERE ARE MORE THAN A

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HUNDRED NEW NATIONS, EACH WITH INSISTENT NEEDS AND DEMANDS.

A FEW YEARS AGO, THE WEST MADE VIRTUALLY ALL THE DECISIONS ABOUT THE GLOBAL ECONOMY.

BUT NOW, IMPORTANT RESOURCES ARE ALSO UNDER THE CONTROL OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES -- AS THE ENERGY CRISIS HAS MADE CLEAR. THE COUNCILS OF ECONOMIC ACTION CAN NO LONGER BE LIMITED TO A FEW.

DURING THIS TRIP, I HAVE SEEN HOW THE DEVELOPING  
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NATIONS ARE CREATING A NEW ROLE FOR THEMSELVES IN THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC SYSTEM, REDISTRIBUTING GLOBAL POWER, POSING NEW GLOBAL PROBLEMS, AND ASSUMING NEW RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

WE HAVE LONG UNDERSTOOD THAT GREATER INDIVIDUAL EQUALITY CAN BRING FORTH GREATER PROSPERITY IN OUR DOMESTIC SOCIETIES. NOW WE ALSO SEE HOW GREATER EQUALITY AMONG NATIONS CAN PROMOTE THE HEALTH OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY, INCLUDING OUR OWN. NO NATION OR EVEN A SMALL GROUP OF NATIONS CAN ANY LONGER SHAPE ITS DESTINY ALONE.

IN PROPOSING THE NORTH-SOUTH CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT GISCARD SPOKE OF CREATING NEW FORMS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. WHAT HE SAID THEN STANDS AS THE WATCHWORD OF ALL OUR EFFORTS TOGETHER:

"(THIS) SHOULD NOT CONSTITUTE A VICTORY FOR SOME COUNTRIES OVER OTHERS, ACHIEVED BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF TEMPORARY POWER RELATIONSHIPS. RATHER IT MUST BE A VICTORY OF MANKIND OVER ITSELF...."

SIX DAYS AGO, I LEFT THE UNITED STATES ON A TOUR WHOSE CONSTANT THEME HAS BEEN THE UNIVERSAL VITALITY OF DEMOCRACY. IN POLAND, IRAN, INDIA, SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT AND NOW IN FRANCE, I HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT OUR MODERN STRUGGLE IS NOT ONLY TO ESTABLISH PEACE, BUT ALSO TO PROTECT THE INDIVIDUAL FROM THE POWER OF THE STATE.

TOMORROW, WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD DESTAING, I WILL  
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LEAVE PARIS TO VISIT THE BEACHES AT NORMANDY. IF THE NAMES OMAHA, UTAH, JUNO, GOLD, SWORD, WILL ALWAYS LIVE IN THE MEMORIES OF BOTH OUR PEOPLES, IT IS BECAUSE THEY REMIND US AT WHAT COST OUR LIBERTIES HAVE BEEN PURCHASED, AND WHAT A PRECIOUS HERITAGE HAS BEEN LEFT FOR US TO DEFEND.

THESE NAMES REMIND US THAT LIBERTY IS NOT SECURED WITH ONE DEFENSE, BUT MUST BE STRUGGLED FOR AGAIN -- AND AGAIN -- AND AGAIN. OUR ANCESTORS MADE THEIR DEFENSE WITH PRINCIPLES, AND WITH REVOLUTION. PEOPLE OF MY PARENTS' GENERATION, AND OF MY OWN, BORE ARMS IN THE NAME OF FREEDOM. MANY OF THEM ARE LEFT AT NORMANDY BEACH, AND AT THE THOUSAND OTHER SHRINES TO LIBERTY ACROSS THE WORLD.

THOUGH WE WILL ALWAYS BE PREPARED, WE PRAY THAT THEIR SACRIFICE IN BATTLE NEED NEVER BE REPEATED; AND WE KNOW THAT WAR NEED NOT COME AGAIN, SO LONG AS WE TRANSMIT OUR DEVOTION TO THE VALUES OF FREE PEOPLE -- STRENGTHENED AND RENEWED -- TO EACH SUCCEEDING GENERATION. END QUOTE  
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